

U.S. WOMAN IN RED CHINA

Mother Enters to Visit Son
Imprisoned at Peiping

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HONG KONG, Aug. 12—Mrs.

Mary Downey of New Britain, Conn., crossed into Communist China from Hong Kong today on her way to Peiping to visit her imprisoned son, John.

John Downey, 30 years old, a civilian employe of the United States Army, is serving a twenty-year sentence on espionage charges. Mrs. Downey last visited her son in January, 1958.

Meanwhile, William C. Walsh, a circuit judge from Maryland, is expected to return to Hong Kong Sunday after visiting his brother, Bishop James Walsh, in a Shanghai jail. The Roman Catholic bishop, 69, is serving a twenty-year term on charges of espionage and plotting against the Communist regime.

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